

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the office action dated November 30, 2007. Claims 1-8, 10, 13-22, 24, 30 and 32 were pending in the application and were subject to a restriction/election requirement.

I. REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

The office action also states that the application claims two distinct species:

1. Claims 1-8 and 10
2. Claims 13-22, 24, 30 and 32

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the species shown in Group 2 related to claims 13-22, 24, 30 and 32. The claims of Group 1 (Claims 1-8 and 10) are now withdrawn. Applicant requests consideration of the withdrawn claims upon allowability of a generic claim.

II. CONCLUSION

Accordingly, claims 13-22, 24, 30 and 32 are believed to be in condition for examination and, in view of the earlier submitted amendments and arguments, also allowable over the cited prior art. Corresponding action is respectfully solicited.

If an extension of time is required for timely submission of this response, Applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time and the Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account 02-0900 for the appropriate additional fees in connection with the filing of this response.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned should any questions arise.

Respectfully submitted,

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